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SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES IN BURMA

REF: (A) RANGOON A-006 NCAP FY-77, (B) STATE 284346

1. THE GUB'S POSITION ON NARCOTICS TRAINING REMAINS AS REPORTED IN  
REF A: THERE IS NO CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED INTEREST IN DIRECT BI-  
LATERAL NARCOTICS TRAINING ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES. CON-  
CERNED BURMESE OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT APPROPRIATE TRAINING IN SOME  
CASES IS ONLY AVAILABLE OR IS MOST READILY AVAILABLE FROM THE UNITED  
STATES, BUT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DEMAND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS  
ACT AS THE SPONSOR OF RECORD.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION UPDATES THE CURRENT IN-COUNTRY NARCOTICS  
CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM AND IS KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS IN REF B  
PARA 5:

A. BOTH THE PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE (PPF) AND CUSTOMS ARE  
RUNNING NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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B. PROGRAMS ARE ESSENTIALLY IN-SERVICE EFFORTS WITH RECIPIENTS

OF UN TRAINING PASSING ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS FROM DIVISION AND TOWNSHIP LEVELS, WHO IN TURN ARE EXPECTED TO SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED WITH LOCAL-LEVEL COLLEAGUES. TO DATE, PPF AND CUSTOMS HAVE EACH CONDUCTED THREE IN-SERVICE WORK-

SHOPS WITH 50 TO 75 STUDENTS IN EACH COURSE.

D. INSTRUCTORS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL INCLUDE SIX POLICE AND FOUR CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED UN TRAINING IN GENEVA.

F. ALTHOUGH INCOMPLETE, AVAILABLE FIGURES ON ARRESTS AND SEIZURES INDICATE THAT GUB EFFORTS DIRECTED AT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL.

H. THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE US CAN MATERIALLY ASSIST LOCAL TRAINING EFFORTS BY THE PROVISION OF TRAINING AIDS AND SUPPLIES TO THE PPF AND CUSTOMS. WE BELIEVE THESE AGENCIES WOULD READILY RECEIVE SUCH SUPPORT IF CHanneled THROUGH THE LOCAL UNFIDAC OFFICE. PARTICULARLY NEEDED ARE AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING INCLUDING FILMS AND SLIDES AND CORRESPONDING CASSETTES ALONG WITH MOVIE AND SLIDE PROJECTORS AND CASSETTE PLAYERS. THE BURMESE BELIEVE THAT TRAFFICKERS WILL INCREASINGLY ATTEMPT TO MOVE NARCOTICS THROUGH RANGOON INTO WORLD MARKETS, A CONCERN WE SHARE. BURMESE AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THE NEED TO BEEF UP PORT AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS AND RECOGNIZE THAT EXISTING TRAINING COURSES WOULD BE STRENGTHENED WITH THE ADDITION OF MATERIAL DESIGNED TO SHOW INSPECTORS AND OFFICERS HOW TO DETECT AND PREVENT NARCOTICS SHIPMENTS.

I. IT IS NOT FEASIBLE FOR THE BURMESE TO PROVIDE NARCOTICS TRAINING FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.  
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